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Pursuant to the Notice Of Incomplete Reply (Nonprovisional), dated December 26, 2002, enclosed are the following to be made of record in the above-identified application:

- Copy of Declaration and Power of Attorney Executed by Inventor Stephen John Lewis (the original Declaration signed by this inventor was submitted to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office with applicants' responsive papers of August 14, 2002);
- 2) Request for Two-Month Extension of Time; and
- 3) Copy of Notice Of Incomplete Reply.

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The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office has received your reply on 12/02/2002 to the Notice to File Missing Parts (Notice) mailed 10/08/2002 and it has been entered into the nonprovisional application. The reply, however, does not include the following items required in the Notice.

The period of reply remains as set forth in the Notice. You may, however, obtain EXTENSIONS OF TIME under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136 (a) accompanied by the appropriate fee (37 CFR 1.17(a)).

A complete reply must be timely filed to prevent ABANDONMENT of the above-identified application.

• The signature of the following inventor(s) is missing from the oath or declaration: Stephen John Lewis

A copy of this notice MUST be returned with the reply.

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